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APPLICANT: Sixto et al.  
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SELECTIVELY INSULATED ELECTRODE

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

In Response to the Final Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Applicants believe that the present filing necessitates no fee. However, should fees and/or extensions of time to respond to the Final Office Action be required, please consider this conditional authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531 and a conditional petition for the required extension of time. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 22, as follows.

1. (Amended) An electrosurgical device comprising: